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RESERVE FUND " 9,320,000

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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
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HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

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Authorised Capital \$1,000,000  
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CHIEF MANAGER:  
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Hongkong, 4th February, 1904.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tael 5,000,000

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

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Hongkong, 31st March, 1904.

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NO. 4, RIFON TERRACE, FLATS.

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FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE.

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OFFICES in connection with the CON-NAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE, BER).

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"ROSENATH" KOWLOON.

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1904.

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Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

## Mails.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	BALLAARAT C. R. L. Gordon, R.N.R.	April 9th Noon.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	MALTA C. L. Daniel	April 10th Daylight.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	MALACCA A. F. Street	About 13th April	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MUJI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).	MANILA H. G. H. Lewellin, R.N.R.	About 15th April	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

### IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR  
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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
*HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 25th May.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 8th June.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 22nd June.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 6th July.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 20th July.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 3rd August.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 17th August.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	

\* Steamer of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "HAMBURG,"  
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Hongkong, 7th April, 1904.

## Intimations.

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QUARTER TINS - - - - 30 Cents.

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Sample Tin FREE on Application.

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HOTELS.

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found interesting and enjoyable.

WM. FARMER,  
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

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Bovril supplies to the body the  
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good the muscle, tissue and energy  
spent during the hurry and worry of  
the day's work. The very embodi-  
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Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904.

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THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT  
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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904.

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Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903.



## Intimations.

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Patients will hear of something to their advantage, by writing to the Diabetic Institute, St. Dunstan's Hill, London, E.C.

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**SHORT SEASON ONLY**  
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After a Brilliant and Successful Season in  
South Africa, Ceylon and India,  
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A Select Company of High Class Vaudeville  
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Vaudeville Music, Comedy and Burlesque  
Brilliantly Blended,

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Miss GEORGIA PUTMAN  
The Handsome American Burlesque Artist.

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The Accomplished English Comedienne,  
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The Favourite London Comedian, Vocalist and  
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The Funniest Comedian that has ever appeared  
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Everything New, Bright and Up-to-date  
As an Extra Special Attraction

Mr. Leavitt has added the World-Famed  
**MYSTERIOUS ZANCIGS**  
Who will nightly appear in their Wonderful  
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MENTAL TELEPATHY,  
the Strongest, most Novel and Attractive  
Entertainment now touring the World.

Popular Prices of Admission.  
Booking and Plan at  
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [475]

## Auctions.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of  
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be  
held on MONDAY, the 11th day of April,  
1904, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of His Excellency  
the Officer Administering the Government,  
of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Co. Leit  
Rord, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term  
of 75 years, commencing from the 10th day of  
July, 1899.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Island Lot No. 111.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	1,100	1,800	
	Conduit Road	19' 6" 12' 10" 10' 10"	1,100	1,800	

Hongkong, 31st March, 1904. [475]

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held on MONDAY, the 11th day of April,  
1904, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of His Excellency  
the Officer Administering the Government,  
of two Lots of CROWN FORESHORE and  
Sea Bed at Shaikwan, in the Colony of  
Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with  
the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King,  
for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Shaikwan No. 1.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	1,100	1,800	
2	Shaikwan No. 2.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	1,100	1,800	

Hongkong, 31st March, 1904. [475]

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SANDAL  
CAPSULES

Not made of Glycerine which attracts water  
and causes the skin to become dry.  
Full directions. All Chemists  
hold on Savarasse's.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37 lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.  
In Bags of 25 lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [1]

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## OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FXCHANGE LINES, \$100 Per Annum.

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NO CHARGE FOR INSTALLATION.

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ELECTRIC SUPPLIES OF EVERY DES-  
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Estimates given for all kinds of Electrical  
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Trained Mechanics sent to Out-Ports to fit  
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For full Particulars, &c., &c., Apply to  
W. STUART HARRISON,  
A.M. INST. C.E.,  
Manager

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [6]

## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT  
GASOLINE  
LAMPS

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,  
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INCANDESCENT  
MANTLES,  
CHIMNEYS,  
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SHADES, &c.,

for  
GASOLINE AND GAS  
LAMPS

at the most moderate  
prices.

Lamps fixed up for  
Buyers free of charge.

Naphtha of the best  
kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.,  
56, Lyndhurst Terrace.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904. [57]

THE LANGKAT EXPLOITATION  
CO., LIMITED.

The first annual meeting of the Maatschappij  
tot Mijn-Bosch-en-Land-bouw-Exploitatie in  
Langkat, Ld., shareholders, was held on 31st  
ult., at Shanghai, Mr. John Prentice presiding.

Before the business part of the meeting began,  
it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously  
carried, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that  
a vote of condolence be accorded to the widow  
and family of the late George McBain, and to  
the widow and family of the late R. M. Camp-  
bell. To the late Mr. McBain, said the Chair-  
man, was due the entire success of this company.  
It was he who originated it, he who fostered it,  
and he who so largely pledged his credit on its  
behalf. Of it Mr. McBain used to say: "Hold  
on to it! We've good things." When he died  
the company was in a good and prosperous  
condition, entirely due to his efforts. Mr.  
Campbell was also a strong supporter of the  
company, tending it through its difficult days.

Proposing the adoption of the report, and  
accounts, the chairman said he had little to  
say that wasn't in the report itself. He felt  
inclined to do as their old friend Mr. McBain  
used to do, and begin with *et cetera, et cetera*.  
This was the first annual meeting of the new  
company, which, as they knew, was formed to  
work and develop the mines, timber, and  
agriculture of Langkat, Sumatra. The work-  
ing account showed a surplus of Rs. 1,053,359.03  
with a balance on profit and loss account of  
Rs. 27,187.13, after providing for Rs. 870,235—  
amount of five interim dividends, equal to Rs.  
35 per share; Rs. 552,000 to capital; Rs.  
166,771 to reserve; and Rs. 110,000 written off.  
There was also a profit on a thousand shares  
odd of Rs. 167,898.03, which went to reserve.  
The supply of crude petroleum continued satis-  
factory up to the present, and a letter just received,  
dated the 14th March, said everything was  
going on satisfactorily. The shareholders had  
been changing rapidly. Since December 1902  
those who had held on had received in dividends  
Rs. 1,120,235, when the capital was only at  
Rs. 200,000, which was surely satisfactory.  
Many of the present shareholders had not  
struggled through the early trying times of the  
company, but had come in recently to reap the  
benefit. So far as they could see the profits of  
the Company were well assured for the future.  
The executors of Mr. McBain's estate intended  
to carry on the business, under the name  
of George McBain, and Mr. Freeman had  
been appointed to carry it on. A letter from  
some of the shareholders was received, asking  
the Directors to invite Mr. Freeman to join the  
Board of Directors; they had already done that  
before they received the letter, and Mr. Free-  
man accepted their invitation when he reached  
Hongkong and received it. Mr. Freeman  
intended to go and see the estates and acquaint  
himself with the whole working of the property  
He (the Chairman) hoped to go down later.

Mr. H. J. Such seconded, and the report  
and accounts were adopted accordingly.

The following resolutions were then unani-  
mously carried—

Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr.  
J. R. Harding, that Mr. R. S. Freeman be  
elected a director of the company, in the place  
of Mr. H. J. Such, retired.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr.  
Wolf, that Mr. H. I. Such be appointed an  
un-official director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr.  
Wolf, that Mr. J. D. Thorburn be re-elected  
auditor.

During an informal discussion, caused by a  
motion by the Chairman to re-elect Mr. Such  
with a proviso that Mr. Freeman be a director,  
and a subsequent misunderstanding as to  
which gentleman should be un-official director,  
the Chairman took occasion to remark that  
there had been a proposal that he should be  
the shareholder appointed to hold the hundred  
directors' shares as a guarantee of the good  
faith of the directors. If that were intended as  
a vote of censure on himself, he was quite pre-  
pared to take the opinion of the meeting  
whether it wished him to withdraw or not.  
(Cries of "No! no! no!") That was by no  
means an honourable position to occupy. He  
alluded to a circular signed by some share-  
holders, some of whom had since written to  
say they signed it under a misapprehension,  
and the first petition in which had been with-  
drawn. Thanking them for their attendance,  
the Chairman assured the shareholders that  
they might look forward to very good returns  
for this year.

## AN ALARMED ACTRESS.

## TRAGIC STORY ENDS HAPPILY.

"Who that has not been on the stage can  
know the strain of rehearsals?" asked Miss  
Alice Hope, a well known West of England  
Actress. "Many real tragedies are enacted on  
the other side of the Stage Curtain. Out of  
sight of the audience, and undreamed of by the  
public, many a Player fights the Battle of Life  
against terrible odds."

"A few months ago," continued Miss Hope,  
"my health gave way in the most alarming man-  
ner. My appetite, which had been always of the  
best, left me. At night I could get no rest,  
and in the morning felt more dead than alive.  
I was a martyr to neuralgia. Of course, I had  
to eat, but I couldn't digest my meals. Food



gave me acute pains in the chest, which made  
me afraid to (eat) my last appetite. I became

so weak that I could scarcely crawl about.  
Doctors told me I was anemic. A chemist  
suggested that I should try Dr. Williams' pink  
pills for pale people. I am very pleased now  
that I acted upon the suggestion. I had only  
taken a few of the pills when I found that my  
appetite was returning, I ate my food and  
enjoyed it, and felt no ill-effects after it."

"Could you sleep better?" the reporter  
asked.

"Oh, yes. Not only did I sleep soundly,  
but I woke up in the morning without any  
signs of neuralgia or indigestion. At the end  
of the second bottle I felt as well as ever I had  
done in my life. I would not be without Dr.  
Williams' pink pills now on any account."

"Do you know anyone else that has been  
cured by them?"

"Yes. After my experience I recommended  
them to my sister, who is just as enthusiastic  
over them as I am. She had also suffered very  
similarly to myself, and owed her restoration  
to health solely to these pills."

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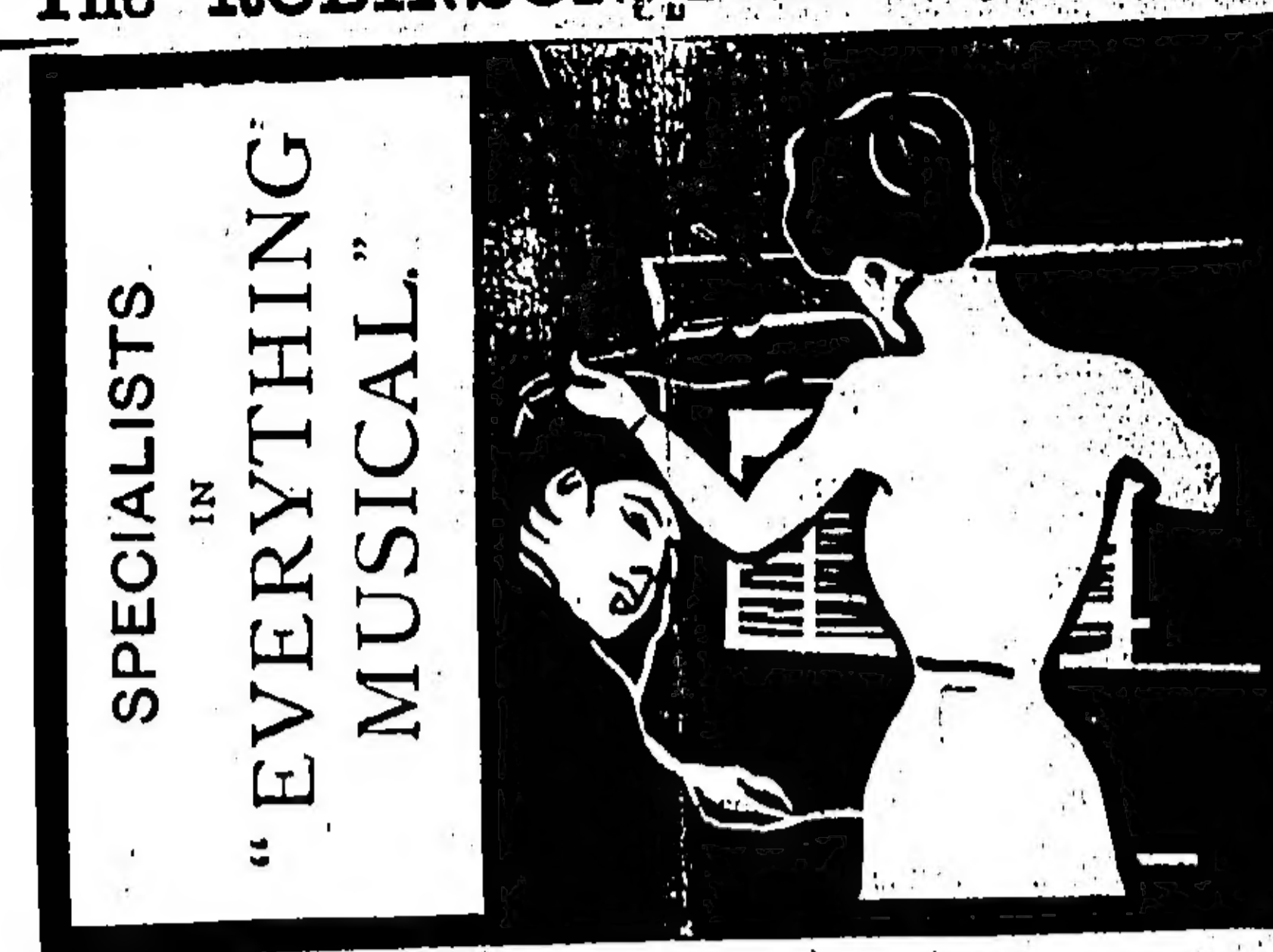
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On the 4th March, at Ipoh, Perak, the wife of ALEXANDER, ROSE, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1904.

## NEWS VENDORS AS HAWKERS.

A discussion on the merits of the case in which two 'boys' were summoned to attend at the Magistracy for hawking without a licence can produce very little beneficial results, but for the fact that the decision of the junior Police Magistrate in the case brought before him this morning affects the public interest in so far as the Press of the Colony and the citizens are concerned. The interpretation given by the Magistrate of the word "hawking" in relation to newspapers, suggests the necessity for immediate action to be taken regarding the amendment of the law under which the information was laid. Briefly, the facts of the case are as follows:—At the Magistracy, on Tuesday, the defendants were charged, under the Licensing Consolidation Ordinance, No. 21 of 1887, with hawking newspapers without a licence, and it was given in evidence that on the 26th ult. the boys obstructed guests of the King Edward Hotel by stopping them and asking them to buy papers. Mr. J. H. Kemp, before whom the case was tried, remarked that he did not think that constituted a nuisance, and pointed out that it was a recognised thing at home for newspaper vendors to offer their papers to passers-by. The whole point was whether the boys were hawkers or not, and at the Magistracy this morning he ruled that they were. There was no other course for him to adopt, and we are entirely in accord with his decision as viewed in the light of the Ordinance, but we do complain that the present Superintendent of Police has taken a far too literal interpretation of the law in view of the fact that on the matter being represented to his predecessor, Capt. Lyons, he gave it as his opinion that it was not necessary for the boys to have licences, and instructed the police not to arrest them, while offering newspapers for sale. It does not admit of much doubt, that in framing the Ordinance it was the intention of the legislature to exercise control over the ordinary pedlars and street vendors perambulating the city with their wares for sale, and not in any way to include newspapers as ordinary articles "hawked" in the streets of Hongkong. In support of this contention we would point out that, for all the years that the daily evening papers have been selling in the Colony, there has been no objection on the part of the police. The practice prevails in England, and is carried on without let or hindrance throughout the British Colonies where proprietors are not called up to contribute the sum of 50 cents per quarter for a hawkers' licence to enable their news boys to sell papers in the streets. Mr. Kemp's decision places Hongkong in the unique position of being the only British colony where a penalty is placed upon newspaper proprietors for endeavouring to serve the public. The step is not in strict accord with tradition and precedent, nor does it in any way square with common sense and the public interest. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government, and we shall await with interest for specific information on the subject, for though we are officially told that the charge is maintained under the laws of the Colony, we shall not be surprised to find that either the Ordinance will be amended or the newsboys exempted from the licence fee.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The King has knighted the sons of the Duke of Cambridge.

A TORONTO telegram states that the Italian cruiser *Marco Polo* has left for the Far East.

It is stated that communication by wireless telegraphy will shortly be established between England and the Channel Islands by the Admiralty.

THE death of Lieutenant Hirose in action at Port Arthur is deeply regretted in naval circles in England where he was well known as an able and devoted officer.

THE Government of India have, it is understood, agreed to the press correspondence now with the Tibet Mission moving forward when the advance takes place, provided transport can be arranged for them.

THE Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce was inaugurated at Kuala Lumpur on the 28th ult. Mr. Loke Yew was elected President, Messrs. Chan Sow Lin and Loke Chow Kit, vice-presidents, and Mr. San Ah Wing Secretary.

PRICES of Bengal opium ruled extraordinarily high and the revenue exceeded the 1903-04 estimates by £1,353,900. On the other hand, the season's crop was a bumper one involving very large payment for the raw product and so charges exceed the estimate by £474,100.

THE British Marines who escorted the rescued Russians to Colombo in the *Nam Sing* and who were under canvas, left for England by the P. & O. s.s. *Syria*. The party consisted of two officers, one surgeon, and fifty-six marines. They were played to the jetties by the file and drums of the Regiment.

MR. W. Cowan, the Protector of Chinese in Perak, who has accepted the appointment of emigration agent to the Transvaal Government in China, will as such draw a salary of £750 a year. Mr. Cowan is said to have had over 23 years' experience in the Chinese Protectorates of Singapore, Penang, and Perak.

IN the case in which the *Lung Wo Ki* firm sued the Tsang Tung Ki firm for \$254 93, being balance due for goods sold and delivered his Honour gave judgment for the defendants on the case with costs, and judgment for the plaintiffs for \$51.20, with costs up till the time of that sum having been paid into Court.

THE Japanese steamer *Ringo Maru*, which left the Royal Albert Docks on the 22nd February collided with and sank the schooner *Edward Windsor*, of Portmadoc, in the English Channel off Hastings, on the 25th idem. One man was saved and the remainder are reported to be missing. The schooner was struck in the stern, and split as far as the forecastle.

THE discharge of coal in Colombo harbour has been a question which has been engrossing the attention of the various shipping firms for some time past, and the British India Steam Navigation Company has just got out a patent coal elevator from Calcutta to be used in the discharge of their coilers on arrival at Colombo. It is calculated that in an hour about 125 to 150 tons can be discharged.

At a sitting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, under the presidency of Sir William Holland, M.P., at London a resolution was introduced on behalf of the Wakefield Chamber, declaring that "Owing to the harmful effect the abolition of the sugar bounties has produced in the confectionery and allied trades, the time has come for the Government to seriously take into consideration the repeal of the sugar tax." After numerous speeches for and against, the proposal was lost.

A SENSATION has been caused among the British Channel fleet, now (March 8) at Lisbon, through the officers learning that the signal book of the battleship *Prince George*, 14,900 tons, commanded by Capt. Frederick L. Campbell, has been lost. As the book contains valuable secret information relating to the codes and signals in use throughout the Navy, its acquisition by an enemy might lead to serious consequences. Several arrests have been made, pending the result of an inquiry. It is thought that possibly the book was thrown overboard.

THE Captain of the German steamer *Herman Menzel*, which arrived at Singapore on the 31st ult., reported that while in the Indian Ocean he sighted the schooner *Koolha Fuka Karim* which signalled she was short of water. The *Herman Menzel* bore down on her, and owing to the heavy seas prevailing crashed into her and sank her. The crew of the schooner, twelve in all, were picked up and brought on to Singapore, the first port of call. The unfortunate schooner was laden with rice from Bombay to Aden. The owner of the vessel with the owner of the rice were on the schooner.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, the President submitted a minute of the Medical Officer of Health which showed that since 10th February there had been 22 cases of small-pox, of which 15 were under 10 years of age. In view of this it would be as well, he said, to issue hand-bills advising people to be vaccinated, and especially to have their children vaccinated. He moved that the Board recommend that this be done. Attention might be drawn to the fact that daily free vaccination could be got at the Government Civil Hospital, Tung Wah Hospital, and the Chinese Dispensary, and the motion was carried.

THE N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru*, which recently transferred part of her cargo at Malin to the outgoing P. and O. boat, is proceeding to Japan by way of the Cape.

THE cricket match between the V. R. C. and the Craigengower C. C. arranged to take place at 2 15 p.m. to-morrow, has been cancelled, owing to the V. R. C. being unable to raise an eleven.

THE engagement is announced of Mr. Arnold Ellert, manager of the Dresdner Bank, London, and Phoebe, widow of the late Mr. James Hart, Commissioner of Imperial Maritime Customs, China.

As the result of instructions from the French Minister of the Colonies, the Budget of Indo-China for 1904 has been reduced by about 600,000 fr. on a total of 73,600,000 fr. New Railways are shown for 2,100,000 fr.

IN connection with the approaching ratification of the Franco-Siamese Treaty, four members of the French Civil Service in Indo-China have been appointed to go to Siam to study the country. They are MM. Strembler, Lamouret, Fournier and Debasce.

WHEN the French cruiser *D'Assas*, after calling at Algiers on her way to the Far East, was leaving the harbour on 8th ult. a tube in one of her boilers burst, severely injuring four men. The *D'Assas* was compelled to return to her moorings, and having repaired the damage left again on 9th, conveying four torpedo-boat destroyers.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged, and will take place on the 30th of April, between Mr. Charles Stewart Sharp of Messrs. Gibb Livingston and Co., China and Hongkong, member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, eldest surviving son of the late Dr. Hugh Sharp, M.R.C.S., of Collier, Banffshire, and Mrs. Burrows, widow of Mr. Henry Burrows, of Strathmore, Worksop, daughter of Mr. William Lenton, J. P., of Lime House, Cundle.

SIR West Ridgway, in an interesting paper on Ceylon, at the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday, called attention to a point which is a little apt to be overlooked by the general public—namely, the value of the Crown Colonies to the Empire. So much is said about the self-governing Colonies that most people will be surprised to learn that in trade, revenue, and population the Crown Colonies equal or even surpass all the self-governing Colonies put together.

AT Dr. Dowie's first meeting in Melbourne, held in the Exhibition building 7000 persons attended, who broke up the proceedings in half an hour with songs, "cat-calls," and hoots. Dowie became enraged, threatened to send for the military and called the audience a mob of wolves. A turbulent scene ensued and the "prophet" left the platform, hurriedly pursued by the audience, which sought him unsuccessfully in the huge building. As a matter of fact, he was hiding in the organ loft, where he remained nearly three hours.

BY kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

**BAND PROGRAMME.**  
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Valse "Sourire d'Arlet" Depret  
Mazurka "Slavonic Dance" Kately Klav  
God save the King.

THE report of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company for 1903 states that the balance of profit and loss account is £29,885. An interim dividend on the preference shares at 3 per cent. was paid on Oct. 1, leaving £24,865. The directors recommend a dividend for the year on the ordinary and "B" shares of 3 per cent., leaving £9,802 to be carried forward. The past year proved unsatisfactory, and the outlook for the present year is very uncertain, owing not only to the general depression in shipping, but to the war between Russia and Japan, which cannot but affect the company's business.

A REMARKABLE instance of the confidence of the Japanese is shown in the fact that they have arranged for coal to be despatched from this country to Port Arthur or Vladivostok, the steamers taking it to call at Singapore for orders. The coal is explicitly warranted Japanese property. British steamers with coal for Japan and the Suez Canal are forward for insurance (hulls) against the risks of capture at 60s. per cent. It has been, and still is, the practice to send these steamers in the first instance to neutral ports in the Far East, such as Hongkong, but it may be doubted whether a transparent device of this kind would avail much if the vessels were captured and taken to a prize Court.—*L. & C. Express.*

THE 1st Batt. of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers since its return from South Africa has been stationed at Whittington barracks, Lichfield. Soon after reaching England the regimental goat, which was well known in Hongkong where the Regiment was stationed for a number of years, died, and the King presented the regiment with one of the Royal paddocks at Windsor. A number of citizens subscribed for a handsome silver shield and chain for the goat, bearing the crest of the regiment and the arms of Lichfield. To receive the shield the battalion on St. David's day marched into Lichfield from Whittington barracks in review order, and wearing leeks in their turbans, and were massed on the square. The Mayor and Corporation attended in state, and the shield was placed on the neck of the goat by the Mayor.

## RESTRICTIONS ON NEWSPAPER VENDING.

## "HAWKING" DEFINED.

At the Police Court this morning, Mr. J. H. Kemp gave his decision in the case in which two news boys were charged with selling newspapers without a licence. He said:—"I have some doubt as to the meaning of the word 'hawker'. I am not sure that a man who takes up a definite position and sells to passers-by is intended to come under the definition. A 'hawker' is a man who goes from house to house, and from town to town, and sells at the different houses. In England a 'hawker' is a man who goes about on a horse, from town to town and from place to place; a pedlar being a man who goes about on foot. A man who takes up a definite position is not a pedlar. The word 'hawker' has always been held in Hongkong to include a man who takes up a definite position. I intend, therefore, to convict the two defendants and to bind them over; but, as they were selling newspapers with the consent of the late Captain Superintendent of Police, I will not fine them, but bind them over in a personal bond of \$10 to come up when called upon. I am simply following the usual interpretation that has been held here for years that the word 'hawker' includes a person who takes up a position in the street. Otherwise, a hawker would be one who goes about from house to house and sells at the different houses. The word 'hawker' has been held to include persons who take up a stand at the corners of streets and sell to the passers-by, and I am simply following that interpretation in convicting the two defendants. Addressing the two lads, he said:—"I do not intend to call you up unless you continue to sell newspapers without a licence."

## THE FLEET.

As already recorded in our columns, the fleet, under Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, has left for a cruise which we understand will probably last a month or six weeks. Their destination has not been given out, but it is unlikely that they go as far North as Wei-hai-wei unless there are any fresh developments of the situation at Port Arthur. The presence of a British squadron in the vicinity of Port Arthur might be very easily misunderstood by either of the belligerents, and it would not be a good policy to have a large fleet cruising at night in waters patrolled by destroyers on the lookout for Russian men-of-war. It is probable that the fleet has really no very definite programme, and will cruise between Amoy and Miao Bay, always keeping in touch with the latest news by means of dispatch vessels, carrying out various exercises and manoeuvres in order that the Commander-in-Chief may get acquainted with the capabilities of the ships under his command. We seem to recollect that Admiral Noel had rather a reputation while he was in the Channel Squadron for keeping the ships on the move and carrying out exercises at sea and in company as often as opportunity offered. It is rumoured that H.M.S. *Powerful* is to come out as a temporary reinforcement to the squadron and the *Andromeda* is due in the course of a few days. While on the subject of our Naval forces it is interesting to note that orders for the best smokeless steam coal which were placed in the hands of several of the companies at Cardiff by the Admiralty have been unable to be complied with for the present, owing to the demand for immediate delivery by foreign agents. A considerable quantity has been bought up for the Russian Navy and consequently the "British fleet in Japanese waters" will have to wait for their turn until other countries have first been served. It was to this fleet that the orders were consigned.

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Following are the crews selected for the scratch races to take place on Saturday, 30th inst., and not on the 23rd inst., as previously stated:—

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W. Goggin	E. F. Ancott
F. Eça de Silva	H. A. Seih
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STATION No. 3	STATION No. 4
Thistle	Rosa
R. Wicheil (stroke)	S. M. Gidley (stroke)
F. P. Musso	L. E. Lammert
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H. J. W. Gidley	H. C. Austen
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## 2ND RACE.

STATION No. 1	STATION No. 2
Shamrock	Rosa
F. K. Tata (stroke)	H. S. Holmes
H. S. Holmes	A. G. Barros
C. Humphreys	

Training days—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

DR. Shiga, the distinguished Japanese bacteriologist, who discovered the bacillus of dysentery a year or two ago, has now succeeded in obtaining for his Government an anti-toxic serum, which will probably be put to the test in the present campaign. It is the aim of everyone who discovers a bacillus to crown his work by producing from it a serum which may rob it of its power; and better fortune appears to have attended Dr. Shiga than Professor Koch, who has not yet, after more than twenty years, succeeded in robbing the tubercle bacillus of its power.

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Ceylon people are up in arms over the arbitrary action of the Secretary of State in respect of the "Widows and Orphans Pension Fund Ordinance." The wives of Mr. Chamberlain are a trifle compared with the scorpions of Mr. Lytton. The "really aggrieved persons are the officials of all departments who are the contributors to the fund, but the officials have promptly made common cause with them and the press has vigorously followed suit. In brief, it appears that the fund, owing to overcareful mortality estimates by the actuaries, had gradually accumulated a surplus of 3½ million rupees—all this obviously the property of present and deceased contributors. The Ordinance is now to be amended. But one element in this is the sweeping of the surplus into the general revenue, and the future payment of contributions into the general revenue, which would be charged with the payment of future pensions as they become due. The directions of the Secretary of State are to the effect that the officials who are the sufferers are to vote in defence of their own feelings, and their own interests. The *Times of Ceylon* speaks out:—

To arrange a scheme of spoliation in Downing Street, and then to instruct the local Government to rush an Ordinance giving effect to that robbery through Council at one or two sittings—by the 31st March to be precise—is a method of procedure which may be suited to Jamaica, or in accordance with "the customs of Hongkong," but will be found, we fancy, impossible in the freer atmosphere of the Colony of Ceylon, as Governor Blake will understand before many weeks are over. Let it be remembered that the scheme is one by which the dead are to be despoiled, and that those now living and interested in the Fund as contributors are not asked their opinion in the matter. They are expected to give a silent vote in favour of a measure which is intended to deprive those dependent on it of possible privileges in the future—all this is to be carried through Council in the teeth of the opposition of the Unofficial Members who are being robbed and who bitterly resent it. If H.E. the Governor, or the Secretary of State, think this sort of thing is possible here they are surely mistaken.

There were brave men before Agamemnon, and there have been Governors of Ceylon before who flinched at little that was arbitrary or autocratic; but Sir Arthur Gordon himself would hardly have attempted to force such a measure as this on a violently hostile unofficial element by means of the votes of officials; who bitterly resented the compulsion in their hearts, and cordially agreed with their unofficial fellows. Let Government pause ere it is too late. There can be no occasion for hurry and haste, for the three and a half millions of rupees will not run away in the meantime; and let the Secretary of State be apprised of the bitter opposition his suggestion has evoked on this side, opposition which, although he may not have personally to face it, will be reflected in many an ugly and inconvenient question hurled at him before many weeks are over across the floor of the House of Commons. For the public servants are all now thoroughly aroused, and they look to the local Government to protect them, and those belonging to them, from downright spoliation. Nor is there likely to be any class division in such a matter as this, though we make no doubt that attempts will be made to bring such about. *Divide et impera* is a motto inscribed on the top of every note of instructions handed to Colonial Governors, and they never forget it. But, if it is efficacious this time, we shall be much surprised.

In another issue the same paper says:—  
Government seems determined to force this through Council. A Government *Gazette Extraordinary* was published last night containing the full text of the new Ordinance, and it was said to be the intention of Government to force it through all its stages in Council in one sitting to-morrow. Such procedure is impossible to contemplate. A more arbitrary and unjust course of action has never been taken even in Ceylon. If persisted in it would justify all the Unofficials leaving the Council table, and even the Official Members should refuse to vote. These latter may be the servants of Government, but are they mere servants to register the will of the Secretary of State? Have they no right to opinions of their own, and have they no civil rights whatever? What is the object of publishing Ordinances in the *Government Gazette* previous to their introduction to Council? Why that all those concerned may have ample opportunity of studying the proposals beforehand, and making themselves acquainted with the proposed alterations in the law, so that they may, through their representatives, offer such constitutional objections as they may think fit. Yet this disgraceful Ordinance first sees the light late last night, and might be introduced and passed through all its stages in Council to-morrow, if it seems hardly credible. Not one Public Servant in ten can possibly see the text of this Ordinance till after Government could carry it through Council.—*S. F. Frey.*

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

## MAILS DUE.

Canadian (*Empress of India*) 12th inst.  
German (*Hamburg*) 12th inst.  
Indian (*Gregory*) 13th inst.  
Indian (*Lafayette*) 17th inst.  
American (*Siberia*) 17th inst.  
Canadian (*Tartar*) 21st inst.  
The Glen Line steamer *Camille* left Singapore on 7th inst., and is due here on 12th inst.  
The C. & S. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki at 6.30 p.m. on 7th inst., and left again at 5 a.m. on Friday for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 5 p.m. on 9th inst.  
The Silk ex-C.P.R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* which left Hongkong on 6th inst. and Yokohama on 7th ult. and passed New York on Saturday, is making a round voyage from Hongkong and to days from Yokohama.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The Anglo-French Agreement.

LONDON, 6th April.

It is declared on the highest authority in Paris that there is no hitch in the Anglo-French negotiations and that all questions are now practically settled.

LATER.

## The Sinews of War.

The St. Petersburg *Official Messenger* notifies the decision of the Government to have recourse, for the present, to the so-called "free cash reserve" for war expenditure while retrenching in various directions, notably in the construction of railways. These retrenchments will aggregate £13,000,000.

## NAVY ESTIMATES FOR HONGKONG.

Following are the votes for Hongkong, so far as they appear on the face of the Estimates. The figures in parentheses are the votes for last year.

## HONGKONG.

**The Admiralty.**—The pay of a Vice-Admiral in command is £4 a day, with £4 10s. a day table money; total, £3,102 10s. per annum. The pay of the Rear-Admiral, second in command, on the China station is £3 a day, with £3 a day table money; total, £2,730 per annum.

**Naval Yard.**—Naval Officer in charge of establishments, £978; retinue of £100; Commander, £577; Chief Engineer, £577; First Assistant to Chief Engineer, £503; two Engineer Lieutenants, £796; Foreman of Boiler-makers, £385; Foreman of Engineer Branch, £390; two Inspectors of Engine-fitters, £661; Chief Constructor, £992; two Assistant Constructors, £974; Electrical Engineer, £624; four Inspectors of Shipwrights, £1,268; Inspector of Electrical Fitters, £309; Lieutenant or Chief Boatswain, £341; Lieutenant or Chief Gunner, £373; Chaplain, £385; Staff Surgeon, for additional duties in attending the Dockyard men and their families, £46; Store Officer, £83; Deputy Naval Store Officer, £67; Secretary and Cashier, £69; Deputy Expense Accounts Officer, £67; two Assistant Naval Store Officers, £73; Foreman of Storehouses, £354; Inspector of storehouse men, £9; two Senior Writers, £70; five Senior Writers, £1,623; eleven first-class Dockyard Writers, £2,668; two Native Senior Writers, £444; twenty-one Native Writers, £3,624; two Time-keepers, £157; allowance to Paymaster and Navigating Officer of H.M.S. *Tamar*, for performing the local audits and continuous survey, £80; allowance for instruction of apprentices, £20; provision for full-pay leave in Naval Officers, £57. Total, £13,705. Wages of 76 of the Police Force, £5,120 (£3,134). Contingencies, £140 (£140). Rent, &c., £1,110. Gas, £68 (£63). Water, £220.

**Vicualding Yard.**—Vicualding Store Officer, £100; colonial allowance, £178; and house allowance, £178. Two Assistant Vicualding Store Officers, £395; colonial allowance, £178; house allowance, £26. Two Senior Writers, £288; house and colonial allowance, £356; Writer, £121; boy Writer, £40; allowance to officers of H.M. ship for performing duties of continuous survey, £6. Total, £4,417 (£2,207). Wages of five artificers on the establishment, £1,257; wages of 73 hired artificers and labourers, £1,200; total, £2,457 (£1,144). Rent and tithes, £375. Water, £30 (£30). Contingencies, £3 (£5).

**Medical Establishments.**—Deputy-Inspector-General, £767; charge pay, £137; hospital allowance, £18. Two Surgeons, £650; hospital allowance, £293. Three Sisters, £286; one Dispenser, £120; for charge of stores, £20; lodging allowance, £96; colonial allowance, £89; two Writers, £377; provision for full pay leave to naval officers, £49. Total, £3,083 (£2,754). Wages of 57 hospital servants on the establishment and hired lists, £786; 14 chief sick-beds, £866; allowance in lieu of provisions, £383. Total, £4,033 (£1,922). Wages of seven of the Police Force, £230 (£16). Water, £100 (£8). Gas, £10; electricity lighting, £250; total, £350 (£370). Contingencies, £120 (£120).

**Works, Buildings, and Repairs.**—Additional accommodation at the Hospital, £3,700. The total estimate is £35,000, including £13,000 for land. The amount already voted is £35,000. Gun-mounting store, £700. The total estimate for the work was £8,700, and £8,000 has already been voted. Torpedo Range, £1,000. The total estimate for the work is £8,600. Rope-way for transporting a munition, £8 0s. The total estimate for the work was £6,390, the cost being divided between the Admiralty and the War Department. The amount already voted is £5,640.

**New Works, &c.**—Hongkong Dockyard: New works, £1,760; ordinary repairs, £1,360. Hospital: New works, £3,700; ordinary repairs, £350. Naval Armaments: New works, £1,700. Naval Ordnance: New works, £800.

**Superintending Works, Buildings, and Repairs.**—Two Civil Engineers, £785; colonial allowance, £268; house allowance, £102. Assistant Surveyor, £160; colonial allowance, £89; house allowance, £134. Two Draughtsmen, £351; colonial allowance, £89; house allowance, £89. Two Accountant Clerks, £186. Total, £2,341 (£1,864).

**Naval Ordnance.**—Deputy Naval Store Officer, £945; Principal Writer, £450; Engineer-Lieutenant, £392. Total, £1,787 (£1,165). Thirteen artificers of the fleet, £2,640 (£2,603). **Naval Engineer.**—Wages of a Master-at-Arms and five ship's corporals, borne on the books of H.M.S. *Tamar*, £391 (£397).

## THE WAR.

LLOYD'S WAR RATES.

In spite of the declarations made by both the Russian and Japanese Governments that coal will be considered contraband of war if destined to the enemy, the *Standard* of 8th ult. says that British colliers are still being despatched to the Far East, and yesterday insurances were being effected upon the coal cargoes of four steamers outward bound to Japan. These vessels, which will be leaving near the end of the present month, have the option of going out either by way of the Cape or through the Suez Canal, though it is understood that unless the situation changes materially they will adopt the longer route. The premium asked to cover war risk upon these cargoes via the Cape was 60s. per cent, but underwriters were not disposed to quote at all if the steamers attempted the Suez Canal route. Those underwriters who took the war risks by the Suez Canal are in a rather peculiar position. They received a telegram from Lloyd's agent at Chiofo last Friday that this vessel was expected there, and asking for permission to insure the steamer. The question is whether, in view of the fact that the owners have abandoned the steamer, the underwriters may take over possession without prejudicing their non-acceptance of abandonment. There is no doubt that these insurances will give rise to a considerable amount of litigation. Up to the present time over twenty merchant vessels have been detained or captured, and neither underwriters nor brokers are at all clear as to their position with regard to the payment of losses or damage through detention. Insurance against the war risk upon British goods by British steamers from Melbourne and Sydney to Yokohama were accepted yesterday at 10s. per cent (March sailing), to Shanghai at 5s. per cent, to Hongkong at 3s. 4d. per cent, and to Java, Singapore, and Manila at 3d. The risk of capture of British goods outward from Europe to the East Indies (West of Singapore) has been taken at Lloyd's at 2s. per cent, to the Philippines at 3s. 4d. per cent, and to various Japanese ports non-contraband at 15s. per cent.

## A FRENCH TROOPSHIP.

The French troopship *Cholon*, Captain W. Baye, arrived at Colombo from Djibouti on 22nd ult. with 28 Civilian and 734 Military on board. She is bound for Shanghai and sailed on 22nd ult.

## A FRENCH WAR CORRESPONDENT IN COLUMBO.

ON HIS WAY TO THE FAR EAST. M. la Croix, a French War correspondent, is on board the French mail steamer *Annam*, which arrived last night from Europe, says the *Ceylon Independent* of 23rd ult. He is proceeding to the theatre of war in the interests of his paper *La Patrie*, and intends to remain there till the end of hostilities. One of our representatives had a brief chat with him last night at the Grand Oriental Hotel, and learned that M. la Croix intends publishing a book on the war and he will commence the work as soon as he arrives on the scene. Speaking of the voyage of the vessel, he said that it was a very pleasant one, and the large number of passengers on board thoroughly enjoyed it. There are about 250 French soldiers in transit for Saigon. On the way between Adeu and Colombo the *Annam* passed a Chilean corvette and a cruiser, and these two were constantly shadowed by a Russian cruiser. The Chilean men-of-war are bound to the Far East and did not look formidable vessels. The *Annam* also passed the *Dimitri Donik*, in the Canal, and in the Red Sea there were two Italian men-of-war. At Perim there was a British cruiser, and at Aden there were four.

M. la Croix, who is a journalist of much experience, resumes his voyage to-day.

## THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY. A CURIOUS STORY.

A curious story reaches a correspondent at St. Petersburg which he could hardly credit if it were not for the entire trustworthiness of his informant. It appears that a party of eight or a dozen Japanese, disguised as Tartars, were discovered one day last month towards dusk, by the guard of a bridge on the Siberian Railway crossing the Volga at Syra. They were trying to get on to the bridge, and had a number of packages in their possession. The sentry, who was also a Tartar, and therefore a Mongolian, addressed the men, whom he naturally took to be compatriots, in Tartar. But they were unable to reply except in Russian, and his suspicions were at once aroused. He called up his comrades, by whom the strangers were arrested. Their packages were found to contain a considerable quantity of dynamite. The incident is being kept as quiet as possible, for the fact that an attempt of this nature should be made only thirty-six hours from Moscow is calculated to alarm the ignorant peasant population. *Standard*.

## CAMPAIGNING IN KOREA.

A correspondent who has recently travelled through Korea has given an explanation of what seems the extraordinary delay of the opposing forces in getting to close quarters. An army on the march in Korea has to contend with appalling difficulties in the lack of roads, which practically do not exist in that country. The communications are mere bridle paths so worn by traffic as to be almost impassable in dirty weather, such as is sure to prevail in Korea at present. Only, under the most dire necessity are these narrow paths ever repaired, and then it is only the deepest holes that are filled in. The Japanese are therefore reduced to the necessity of actually making the roads along which they are advancing.

## LADYSMITH AT PORT ARTHUR.

"The Russians are talking too much," said an officer who occupies a high position in *Pall Mall* to a correspondent one day last month, "and even before their land-fighting has begun they are behaving like the French during the latter stages of their war with Germany."

General Stoessel's order of the day to the people of Port Arthur, in which he says that "the commander will never give the order to surrender, reminds me of General Duero's address to the 2nd Army of Paris on the eve of the great sortie towards Villiers and Chamigny, when he solemnly assured his troops that, as far as he himself was concerned, he would only return dead or victorious, while, as a matter of fact, he was content to come back alive and defeated. And so, in all probability, will it be with Gen. Stoessel." The investment of Port Arthur, continued this gentleman, will soon be an accomplished fact, and the Russians there cannot avoid being Ladysmith'd. But the besieging Japanese, after drawing a cordon across the neck of the peninsula to the north of it, will have to make provision against a Russian force threatening their rear, and thus he compelled to take up a double-fronted position, as Caesar had to do in Gaul at the celebrated siege of Alesia. Should the Russians attempt to move from Mukden or Harbin to the relief of Port Arthur they would find another Japanese force on their left flank ready to deal with them. Such is the forecast of the strategic situation on the Liao-Tung peninsula.

Mr. F. A. Mackenzie, in a letter to the *Daily Mail*, says Moji is the Gibraltar of Japan. Whether you arrive by land or by sea, the place gives an immediate impression of cumulating majesty. It is hard to realize that around here is one of the best fortified spots on earth. Every trace of the gigantic military and naval preparations now proceeding is as carefully covered as possible. The hills around are honeycombed with forts and protected by artillery at every point, but one looks in vain for the guns. The supplies now being landed from 1,000 junks are, everyone is aware, for military use. But there are no men in uniform supervising. Ten of thousands of troops lie ready within a brief march; but there is not a soldier on the streets. The scenery, at least, is typically Oriental.

## THE WAR AND THE PRESS AT TIENTSIN.

In the House of Commons on 7th ult., Mr. Toulmin asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs if his attention had been called to the fact that Major-General Ventris had charged the editor of the *China Times* (Peking) with inciting to a breach of the peace in an article condemning Russian use of detenteless Japanese, and that, in default of his giving security for good behaviour, his deportation was pending, would he state whether there was any British authority in China with power to deport a British subject under such circumstances; and, if not, under what authority the Court was acting before which the editor had been brought.

Lord Percy replied: The attention of His Majesty's Minister at Peking having been called to the fact that Major-General Ventris had charged the editor of the *China Times* (Peking) with inciting to a breach of the peace in an article condemning Russian use of detenteless Japanese, and that, in default of his giving security for good behaviour, his deportation was pending, would he state whether there was any British authority in China with power to deport a British subject under such circumstances; and, if not, under what authority the Court was acting before which the editor had been brought. The attention of His Majesty's Minister at Peking having been called to the fact that Major-General Ventris had charged the editor of the *China Times* (Peking) with inciting to a breach of the peace in an article condemning Russian use of detenteless Japanese, and that, in default of his giving security for good behaviour, his deportation was pending, would he state whether there was any British authority in China with power to deport a British subject under such circumstances; and, if not, under what authority the Court was acting before which the editor had been brought.

## TWELVE DAYS WITH THE RUSSIANS.

## ADVENTURES OF THE "MATHILDA."

On Wednesday last we chronicled the arrival of the British collier *Franghy* which was detained by the Russians in the Red Sea, and liberated along with two others. One of the latter arrived at 1 o'clock yesterday morning bound for the Far East with a cargo of coal for Japan. She is the collier *Mathilda*, 3,436 tons, belonging to the Port of Bergen, flying the Norwegian flag, and under the command of Capt. Laarvig. A Ceylonese Indian man boarded the vessel yesterday (17th ult.) morning, and in the absence of the Captain, who had come ashore, had a chat with the Chief Officer, who is himself a Norwegian with a slight knowledge of English, but sufficient to make himself understood. The *Mathilda*, which was the first boat to be taken by the Russians is a Norwegian steamer. She has on board a cargo of 50 tons of coal, and was consigned to the Japanese Government, which she left Cardiff on the 31st of January. Until Suez was passed the voyage was an uneventful one. On the night of 21st February, about 12 p.m., she espied the lights and signals of several vessels, but had not the least idea what flag they were flying. On closer scrutiny, it was observed that the vessels were men-of-war, and there was consequently some commotion among the crew. The war vessels, which were steaming fast, soon came within close range, and a torpedo, detaching herself from the squadron, came alongside and was fired. The Captain to stop his vessel at once, and the torpedo boat and the *Mathilda* when she was stopped, was 740 miles from Suez. After her engines were reversed, an officer came on board, and having examined her papers,

## TOOK THEM AWAY.

with him, giving distinct order not to move an inch till the morning. At day-light, the officer appeared again, and ordered the Captain to change his course and steam right back towards Suez. Capt. Laarvig, who was helpless, had to submit to the orders, and sailed in a direction to the south of Suez, and anchored, when twenty miles away from that port. The voyage back was done rather cautiously, as the torpedoes were constantly alongside her. Having arrived on board, the Captain was asked to take his ship to Sebastopol as it was confiscated by the Russian Government. On the Captain declining to do so, he has threatened with several alternatives. The Russians eventually said they meant either to put an armed crew on board and take the vessel to Sebastopol themselves, or, after appropriating the coal and other valuable cargo, to destroy her by blowing her up. For four days she was kept under detention, in this manner, the Russian

sailors keeping a watch on board, and all her hatches being also sealed. On the fifth day, Capt. Laarvig was sent for on board the Russian battleship, given his papers back and told that he could resume his voyage, as the *Mathilda* was not desirous that any merchant vessel should be detained or confiscated. There was no little rejoicing on board when the Captain returned with this intelligence, and the *Mathilda* lost no time in resuming her voyage, being none the worse for her adventure. After that she has not met any Russian vessel, and even if she does, she will proceed unmolested, as her papers have been authenticated and endorsed by the Russian officers, in Russian.

## FREIGHTS, THE WAR, AND THE CAPE ROUTE.

The condition of the freight market exhibits no improvement; in fact in most directions it is as difficult as ever to bring business about. Of course, the principal item of interest to owners since the last report has been the seizure by the Russians in the Red Sea, of coal-laden boats bound to Japan; they are since reported to have been released. We merely refer to this matter as we had previously pointed out to owners, that in accepting the bait of about 25s. per ton from Wales to Japan, they were taking an inordinate amount of risk, or that, at any rate, the risks were such that a far and away higher rate of freight ought to have been demanded. We do not for one moment suppose that in stopping coal-laden boats in the Red Sea, Russia is contemplating any improper action; but, on the other hand, boats bound to British (Indian and other) ports might be delayed, and it is this point that is now receiving serious consideration. We maintain that for boats bound out to British ports such as Colombo, Singapore, etc., it would be better for them to go via the Cape; it only means about fifteen days longer steaming, which is fully compensated for by the saving in Canal dues, and, in fact, apart from the contingencies that war brings forward, we believed that it would be advantageous in any case for owners to give up going through the Canal to such ports, until the Canal dues are reduced to a level more in conformity with the wretchedly low freights that are current. The effect of the war so far has been distinctly disadvantageous to owners. *—Fair Play.*

## THE FRENCH NAVY AND INDO-CHINA.

## COMPLAINTS OF INEFFICIENCY.

M. Etienne, the great Colonial authority, is reported to have declared in the course of an interview with a Press representative that the French Colonies were at present not safe from attack. He said:—In Indo-China, for example, we ought to have warships capable of preventing a landing, together with torpedo boats, destroyers, and submarine boats on the coast, and gunboats on the rivers, but none has been sent there. We have not a policy of forethought, we have only a hand-to-mouth policy. At the time of Fashoda also we were taken off our guard. Then there was great excitement, a cry for reforms, and afterwards everything cooled down, and all the plans were shelved and forgotten. The Russo-Japanese War breaks out, and it is the same thing. It is decided in all haste to send everything needful to the Colonies, while all that should have been done long ago. As to M. Pelletan, he says that he is well prepared, and affirms that he can justify himself. Let us await the result of the inquiry by the Commission, which will be a long one. So much the better if the Minister can show that the Navy is not in the lamentable state in which we all see it.

## THE STRANDED "SCOTIA."

## A TOTAL LOSS.

The *S.F. Press* of 31st ult. says:—Further news to hand confirms the report of the total loss of the Cable Maintenance Co.'s steamer *Scotia* on the island of Guam, while on a voyage from Singapore to Honolulu. The cable steamer *Patrol*, it will be remembered, was despatched to the *Scotia*'s assistance on receipt of a telegram of the news of her stranding, and this vessel arrived at Guam on Monday last. The *Scotia* was then lying at an angle of 36 degrees on the reef, and heavy seas were breaking over her with such force that she is quickly going to pieces. The crew were, however, all safe ashore on Guam, and Captain Kishison is to be congratulated on getting his crew safely away from what was evidently a very dangerous situation.

Owing to the rough weather prevailing the *Patrol* has been unable to approach the wreck to save the valuable cable in the tanks, but is standing by waiting for a break in the weather.

It may be of interest to mention that the *Scotia*, which is of exceptional draught for a telegraph ship, went ashore in the Gaspar Straits shortly after her arrival on this station.

While at Hongkong on the present unfortunate voyage she was placed under the American flag.

## COMMERCIAL.

The week's quotations close as follows:—  
Hongkong Banks ... \$640 s. 6d.  
Union Insurance ... \$475 b.  
China Traders ... \$509 b.  
Hongkong Fire ... \$265 b.  
H.K. & Macao Steamboat ... \$271 b.  
Indo-China ... \$95 s.  
Douglases ... \$117 b.  
China Sugars ... \$117 b.  
Raubs ... \$64 s.  
H.K. & Whampoa Dock ... \$260 s.  
Kowloon Wharves ... \$94 b.  
Farhams ... \$150 b.  
Hongkong Land ... \$145 s.  
Hongkong Hotels ... \$134 s.  
Humphreys Estate ... \$106 b.  
do. (new) ... \$260 b.  
Green Island ... \$231 ex div.  
China Providents ... \$84 s.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

## Selling.

London—Bank T.T. ... 183  
do. demand ... 178 15/16  
do. 4 months' sight ... 179 1/16  
France—Bank T.T. ... 217  
America—Bank T.T. ... 424  
Germany—Bank T.T. ... 177  
India T.T. ... 129  
do. demand ... 129  
Shanghai—Bank T.T. ... 73  
Japan—Bank T.T. ... 73  
Singapore—Bank T.T. ... Nominal  
Java—Bank T.T. ... 104

**Buying.**  
4 months' sight L/C ... 179 3/16  
6 months' sight L/C ... 179 5/16  
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York ... 421  
4 months' sight do. ... 431  
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne ... 179 7/16  
4 months' sight France ... 222  
6 months' sight ... 223  
4 months' sight Germany ... 181  
Bar Silver ... 25 1/16  
Bank of England rate ... 4 1/2

## OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

Malwa New ... 940/970  
do. Last year ... 1,020/1,030  
do. (lowest) ... 1,100/1,160  
Patna New ... 1,342  
Henares New ... 1,332  
Persian (Paper) ... 850/95

## To-day's Advertisements.

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"MALTA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are, hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., ex S.S. *Himalaya* and *Somali*.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Syrin*. From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1904. [1] Central

## To-day's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## DINNER.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 9th April.

## MENU.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

Princess Rissoles.

## SOUP.

Potage Bisque de Homard.

## FISH.

Boiled Salmon a la Bretonne.

## ENTREES.

Chateaufort of Chicken.

Lamb Cutlets a l'Anglaise.

Celery au Gratin.

## CURRY.

Parsee.

## JOINTS.

Roast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish.

Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce.

Boiled Calf's Head and Bacon.

Cold Galantine of Pigeon and Endive Salad.

## SWEETS.

Rice Pudding. Plum Tart.

Vanilla Ice Cream and Cakes.

Topsy Cakes.

## DESSERT.

Coffee. Fruit. [486]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will take place on the 11th, 12th and 13th of April, 1904, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. daily.

The guns will be in position on:— (a) East of Chin Lan Chun and fire towards Hailwan.

(b) East of Kow Lung Peak and fire towards Razor Hill.

(c) Chin Lan Chun Hill and fire towards Kow Lung Peak.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1904. [489]

## TO LET.

A HOUSE IN KNOTSFORD TERRACE, No. 3, CANTON VILLAS.

Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.





## Mails.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND  
LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERI-  
CAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)  
THE Steamship

## "BALLARAT."

Captain C. R. Longden, R.N.R., carrying His  
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this  
for BOMBAY, TO-MORROW, the 9th April,  
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the  
above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,  
and Tra for London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer  
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;  
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1904.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT,  
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND  
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,  
HAVRE, BORDEAUX;  
ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1904,  
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship  
"SALAZIE," Captain Nègre, with Mails,  
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave  
this port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call,  
WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London  
as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in  
transit through Marseilles for the principal  
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON  
only on MONDAY, the 18th April, Specie  
and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same  
day. No Cargo will be received on board on  
TUESDAY.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they  
must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents  
and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-  
pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1904.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

## BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,  
VIA

SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,  
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,  
FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY  
COMPANY.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	1904
<i>Lyra</i> .....	4,417	G. V. Williams	May 4
<i>Shawmut</i> .....	9,606	W. M. Smith	May 21
<i>Victoria</i> .....	3,502	J. Truebridge	May 21
<i>Tesmont</i> .....	9,606	T. W. Garlick	May 21

† Cargo only.

Steamers marked (\*) have no second-class  
passenger accommodation.

The attention of passengers is directed to  
the very cheap rates offered by this line to the  
Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern  
Cities of the United States and to Europe.

Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued in Pacific  
Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the  
United States and Canada.

For further Information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1904.

## AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN  
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most  
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of  
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind  
patronage and support, and desires to state that  
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds  
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs  
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing (Un-  
deren's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,  
Materials can be supplied, if required).

The Superioress will also be most grateful  
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made  
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,  
who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1904.

## Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

## "FORMOSA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT  
SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 11th instant, at  
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Consignee's  
and the Company's representative at an ap-  
pointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days  
of the steamer's arrival here after which date  
they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

## S.S. "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London,

ex s.s. *Adour*, *Cordouan* and *Dordogne*,  
from Havre, ex s.s. *Adour* and *Dordogne*,  
in connection with above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being  
landed and stored at their risks into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon,  
whence delivery may be obtained immediately  
after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 4th instant, re-  
questing it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed  
after MONDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon,  
will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or be-  
fore MONDAY, the 11th instant, or they will  
not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on  
MONDAY, the 11th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

## "DORIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered  
by SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 10 A.M.,  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

E. W. TILDEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1904.

## BOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP "LYRA."

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKO-  
HAMA, KOBE AND MOI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature  
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods  
from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered  
by SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 10 A.M.,  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTER-  
DAM, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

## "ARTEMISIA."

Captain Grommeyer, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
countersignature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their goods from  
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before TO-  
DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 12th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

## NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that the  
change has been made in the Rates of  
Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and  
they are warned against paying more than  
TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.

THE MANAGER,

*Hongkong Telegraph* Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. Corrected to noon.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation .....	87,000	\$125	\$125	\$10,000,000 \$6,500,000 \$150,000	\$1,417,366	Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ exchange 1/8/- = \$22.994 for half year ending 31.12.1903 .....	6 1/2 %	\$230 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited .....	4,453	£10	£8	\$175,533	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903 .....	5 1/2 %	London 3/6 \$25 buyers
Do. Founders' .....	750	£1	£1	\$191,973		None .....		\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited .....	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$1,750,000 \$569,143 \$784,445 \$906,872 \$920,000	\$1,959,925	\$32 for 1902 .....	5 1/2 %	\$470 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited .....	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$151,992 \$331,342 \$322,133	Nil.	\$4 for year ended 30.4.1903 .....	7 %	\$56 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited .....	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 500,000 Tls. 31,850	Tls. 271,589	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902 .....		Tls. 67 1/2 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited .....	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$675,000 \$103,730	\$486,284	\$12 for 1901 .....	9 %	135
Canton Insurance Office, Limited .....	10,000	\$150	\$50	\$1,300,000 \$90,000	\$110,551	\$15 for 1902 .....	8 1/2 %	\$175 sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,308,855 \$1,000,000	\$371,110	\$22 1/2 for 1902 .....	8 %	\$285 sales
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$100	\$50	\$125,675 \$3,561	\$359,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902 .....	8 1/2 %	\$83 buyers
SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS.								
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. ....	80,000	\$15	\$5	\$155,000 \$633,000 \$149,409 \$140,000	\$41,538	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 31.12.1903 .....	11 1/2 %	\$27 1/2
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited .....	60,000	£10	£10	£100,000 £80	£5 380	10/- for 1902 .....	6 %	\$95 sales
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited .....	30,000	\$50	\$50	none	Dr. \$63,123	\$5 for 1900 .....		\$22 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$185,000 \$71,855	Nil.	\$3 for year ended 30.6.1903 .....	9 %	\$34 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$35,000 \$7,730	\$337	{ \$1.20 for year ending 30.6.1903 \$60 cts. } .....	4 %	\$31 sellers
Straits Steamship Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$357,000 \$4,000		\$8 for second half year 1903 .....	3 1/2 %	\$181 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited .....	2,000,000	£1	£1	Tls. 98,000 Tls. 201,614	£19,555	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 10) for 1903 .....	5 %	\$145
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited .....	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 865	Final of Tls. 1 making Tls. 11 for 1903 .....	5 1/2 %	Tls. 35
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited .....	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 55,541	Final of { Tls. 2 1/2 making Tls. 11 1/2 { Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 3 1/2 } .....	9 1/2 %	Tls. 47 1/2 ex div.
Do. Preference .....	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50				7 %	Tls. 45 1/2
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$147,717	Final of \$7 making \$12 for 1901 .....		\$117 sales
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$73,905	\$3 for 1897 .....		\$10 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 1,456	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.03 .....	5 %	Tls. 50 buyers
MINING.								
Punjom Mining Company, Limited .....	60,000	\$11	\$11	none	Dr. \$261,000	None .....		\$1 sellers
Do. Preference Shares .....	30,000	\$1	\$1	none				25 cents
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin .....	16,000	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 251,337 Fcs. 1529,652	Fcs. 85,706	Interim of Fcs. 30 for 1913 .....		\$500
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited .....	150,000	£1	18/10	£4 873	Dr. £7,236	No. 12 of 1/- .....		\$64 sellers
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd. ....	1,000,000	£1	£1	£20,000	£6,671	No. 2 of 1/- .....		Tls. 6 sales
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd. ....	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$8,750	\$425,340	Div. of \$6 & bonus of \$1 for half year ending 31.12.03 .....	7 %	\$205 buyers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited .....	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 850,000	Tls. 43,124	Int. of Tls. 5 for half year ending 31.10.03 .....	7 1/2 %	Tls. 150
Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited .....	37,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,850,000		\$5 for first half year 1903 .....	4 1/2 %	\$20
Riley Hargreaves & Co., Limited .....	6,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000		{ \$10 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus } \$7 dividend .....	6 1/2 %	\$185
Do. Preference .....	2,750	\$100	\$100	\$150,000		\$10 for first year half 1902 .....	9 1/2 %	\$110
Howarth Erskine, Limited .....	12,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000		\$10 for first year half 1902 .....	9 1/2 %	\$205
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ltd. ....	30,000	\$50	\$50	\$150,000 \$50,989 \$250,000	\$28,015	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$5 for 1903 .....	5 1/2 %	\$54 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company .....	20,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 487,110 Tls. 50,913	Tls. 22,895	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 11 for 1903 .....	6 %	Tls. 180
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited .....	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 6,000	Tls. 1,760	Tls. 18 for 1903 .....	10 %	Tls. 180 ex div.
New Anny Dock Company, Limited .....	6,000	\$6 1/2	\$6 1/2	\$55,500	\$4,548	\$2 1/2 for 1902 .....	6 1/2 %	\$37 1/2 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING.								
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. ....	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$300,000	\$51,966	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903 .....	8 %	\$145
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited .....	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 800,000 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 37,634	{ Final of Tls. 3 & bonus of Tls. 2 making in all Tls. 8 for 1903 } .....	7 1/2 %	Tls. 107 sales
Fientsin Land Investment Company, Limited .....	5,350	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 54,626	Tls. 325	Final of Tls. 5 making in all Tls. 9 for 1903 .....	7 %	Tls. 130
China Land and Finance Company, Limited .....	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none		Interim of Tls. 2 .....		Tls. 70 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited .....	6,000	\$50	\$50	none	\$636	\$2.60 for 1903 .....	7 1/2 %	Tls. 55
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Company, Limited .....	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	none	Tls. 5,150	None .....		Tls. 10
West Point Building Company, Limited .....	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	\$1,362	Final of 1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903 .....	6 %	\$53 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited .....	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$10,771 \$30,000	\$3,161	\$5 for half-year ending 31.12.03 .....	8 %	\$135 sales
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin) .....	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 33,000	Tls. 1,837	Interim of Tls. 5 .....	6 1/2 %	Tls. 150 buyers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) .....	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$22,500	\$16,301	\$2 1/2 for half-year 30.6.03 .....	14 1/2 %	\$34 buyers
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) .....	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 6,804	Tls. 1,496	Tls. 1 1/2 for the year ending 31.3.1903 .....	10 %	Tls. 15 sales
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei) .....	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	none		First year .....		Tls. 25
Tientsin Hotel, Limited .....	600	\$20	\$20	none	\$4,989	\$5 for the year ending 27.2.1903 .....	12 1/2 %	\$40
Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited .....	1,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 3,530	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2 .....	7 %	Tls. 50
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited .....	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,607 \$50,000	\$99,177	90 cents for 1903 .....	8 1/2 %	\$20 1/2
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. ....	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 11,655	Tls. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903 .....	12 1/2 %	Tls. 31 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	100,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	H. Tls. 30,098	Tls. 88,034	Interim of 3 1/2 a/c 1898 .....		Tls. 25 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. ....	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Nil.	Interim of 4 a/c 1898 on 6,000 shares .....		Tls. 375 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited .....	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Dr. Tls. 4,965	4 % for 1897 .....		Tls. 170 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited .....	125,000	\$0	\$10	none	\$11,121	{ Final of 60 cents making \$1 for the year ending 31.7.03 } .....	6 1/2 %	\$14 1/2 sellers
CIGARS AND TOBACCO COS.								
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited .....	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,800 Tls. 25,000	Tls. 544	Interim of Tls. 3 .....	11 1/2 %	Tls. 53 buyers
Alhambra, Limited .....	300	\$500	\$500	\$43,000	\$57	\$125 for year ending 30.6.1900 .....		\$200
Philippine Company, Limited .....	67,500	\$10	\$10			First year .....		\$10 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Green Island Cement Company, Limited .....	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$330,000	\$25,676	\$1.50 for 1903 .....	5 %	\$25 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited .....	60,000	\$12	\$12	none	Nil.	60 cents for 1903 .....	7 1/2 %	\$8.10 buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited .....	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$350,000 \$15,000	\$3,077	Interim of 50 cents for 1903 .....	7 %	\$14 buyers
Watkins, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5,802	\$1,043	\$1 for 1903 .....	15 1/2 %	\$6 ex div. buy
Singapore Dispensary, Limited .....	600	\$50	\$50	\$6,000		\$5 for year ended 31.7.1902 .....	7 1/2 %	\$70
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. ....	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$55,000	\$1,717	80 cents for 1903 .....	9 1/2 %	\$9
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited .....	30,000	\$0	\$5	none	\$3,453	{ 90 cents } { 45 cents } for year ending 30.4.1903 .....	7 1/2 %	\$13
Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited .....	7,000	£10	£10	£21,815	£7,387	£1 div. and 2/- bonus for 1902 .....	6 1/2 %	\$240 buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited .....	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 46,000	Tls. 7,548	{ Final of Tls. 3 1/2 and bonus of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 5 1/4 for 1903 } .....	7 1/2 %	Tls. 110 sales
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited .....	7,100	£30	£20	Tls. 115,000	Tls. 6,306	Interim of 15/- for 1903 .....	2 1/2 %	Tls. 475
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited .....	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,529	Tls. 667	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 16 for 1903 .....	11 %	Tls. 144
Tientsin Native City Waterworks Company, Ltd. ....	2,941	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 413	Tls. 3 for half year .....		Tls. 130
Hall & Holtz, Limited .....	21,000	\$50	\$50	\$186,000	\$12,802	Interim of \$3 for 1903 .....		\$18 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$50,000	\$8,395	\$0 for 1903 .....	7 1/2 %	\$12
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited .....	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$70,000	\$10,717	\$3.75 for 1903 .....	9 1/2 %	\$44 1/2
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited .....	2,000	\$100	\$100	\$50,000	\$5,544	Final of \$12 making \$16 for 1903 .....	7 1/2 %	\$5
Straits Ice Company, Limited .....	1,310	\$100	\$100	\$30,000	\$4,283	\$7 1/2 for second half year 1903 .....	7 1/2 %	\$26
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$30,000	\$3,070	\$20 for year ending 30.11.1903 .....	6 1/2 %	\$300
Dairy Farm Company, Limited .....	1,200	\$10	\$10	\$3,500	\$1,318	\$4 for year ending 31.7.1903 .....	10 1/2 %	\$14 buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited .....	8,604	12/6	12/6	none	£738	\$2 1/2 for 1902 .....	6 1/2 %	\$45 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited .....	9,900	\$10	\$10	none	\$1,119	None .....		\$50 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited .....	100	\$10	\$10	\$1,000		{ 90 cents } { \$2.70 } for year ended 31.5.1903 .....	10 %	\$20 buyers
Do. Founders' .....	100	\$10	\$10	none	\$1,548	Final of 60 cts. making \$1.20 for the year .....	8 %	\$10 buyers
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited .....	7,500	\$10	\$10	none	Dr. \$7,053	None .....		\$5 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited .....	15,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$4,757	Interim of 50 cents for 1903/4 .....	16 1/2 %	\$4
William Powell, Limited .....	12,000	\$10	\$10	none				
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat .....	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 314,669	Tls. 27,187	Quarterly dividend of Tls. 10 .....	12 1/2 %	Tls. 28 sales
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited .....	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 3,288	First year .....		Tls. 70
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited .....	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none		Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1903 .....	9 1/2 %	Tls. 100
Central Stores, Limited, Ordinary .....	6,000				\$1,253	Final of \$1.20 making \$1.70 for 1903 .....	13 1/2 %	\$0 sales
Do. Founders' .....	121	\$15	\$12	\$29,000				
E. L. Mondon, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 3,505	Tls. 5 for 1902 .....	12 1/2 %	Tls. 60 sellers
China Flour Mill Co., Limited .....	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 1,942	Tls. 6 for 1903 .....	9 1/2 %	Tls. 61 ex div.
Kait Brothers, Limited .....	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$16,000		\$10 for 1902 .....	7 1/2 %	\$135
Straits Trading Company, Limited .....	250,000	\$10	\$10	\$650,000		{ \$1 div. and 25 cents bonus for half year year ended 30.10.1903 } .....	8 1/2 %	\$13 1/2
Fraser and Neave, Limited .....	4,500	\$50	\$50	\$169,116		\$5 div. and \$3 1/2 bonus for 1902 .....	7 1/2 %	\$105
Maynard and Company, Limited .....	3,400	\$10	\$10	none		\$2 for year ended 31.10.1902 .....	8 1/2 %	\$35
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd. ....	1,200	\$50	\$50			First year .....		\$20
South China Morning Post, Limited .....	6,000	\$25	\$25			First year .....		\$100